

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 11 June 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): While applicant mentions the Japanese '536 patent in his remarks when responding to the rejection, he argues the Japanese '483 patent, which has not been applied. Thus, applicant has not specifically responded to the applied ground of rejection and pointed out the supposed errors therein. See 37 CFR 1.111. **Also**, it is noted that applicant sets forth in his remarks that "New matter has been added to the substitute specification as can be verified by the Examiner from a review of the mark-up copy thereof." Such is not a sufficient statement that **no** new matter has been added to the substitute specification as is required by 37 CFR 1.125(b). A proper statement is required. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (6:30-4:00).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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